



News from **INTERIM MAYOR TODD GLORIA**

City of San Diego

Friends,

We are less than one week away from Election Day and about one month away from a new mayor being sworn in. You might think I'd be ramping down after my State of the City Address on January 15. No way. More positive strides were made for our City last month, and I look forward to accomplishing more for the San Diego I love while I'm the Interim Mayor and when I return to my other two jobs as Council President and Councilmember. Some of our recent progress is highlighted below.

CAMPAIGN TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAUNCHED



Last week, City and County law enforcement leaders and I announced the launch of a campaign against human trafficking. California State Senate Bill 1193 requires a readily visible poster in certain businesses and establishments in order to promote awareness of the resources available to victims of human trafficking and slavery, including telephone hotline numbers to seek help or report possible unlawful activity. The City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission last month began mailing out letters with posters to approximately 700

business owners informing them of the human trafficking public notice law. Studies have shown that in other states where such posting requirements have been enacted, there have been increases in the number of reported trafficking situations and victims rescued.

The number of cases prosecuted under state sex trafficking statutes has more than tripled in the past four years in San Diego County. The victims of human trafficking are often young girls and women. Young girls and women make up 55% of the forced labor victims and 98% of sex trafficking victims. We must do our part to prevent human trafficking in San Diego. This campaign, and by working together with law enforcement agencies, will aid in getting victims the support they need and will result in the prosecution of the individuals committing these crimes.

The phone number for reporting human trafficking is 1-888-373-7888. The posters are available online at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/human-relations/related/humantrafficking/notice.shtml>

SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN SAN DIEGO

The City's Environment Committee met today to discuss local water conservation efforts and a proposal for a residential sustainable energy and water program.

Water customers in the City of San Diego today consume 15.3% less water than in 2007, however, the declaration of a drought state of emergency for California in January underscores the need for San Diegans to continue their water conservation efforts. To measure progress, we are resurrecting the City of San Diego Water Consumption Report Card. During the last drought in 2009 when mandatory use restrictions were put in place, citizens were given regular updates on how much consumption had been reduced Citywide and by customer groups. The City will update the report card on a regular basis to provide near real-time status of conservation efforts. Furthermore, the City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program provides a free residential water survey to help save water inside and outside single-family and multi-family homes customers. To learn more about water surveys and other programs and incentives, please visit www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/index.shtml and www.wastenowater.org.

Also discussed at today's Environment Committee meeting was the implementation of a property assessed clean energy (PACE) program. I announced the goal of establishing a PACE program in 2014 at my State of the City address in January. The PACE program would allow property owners to finance energy efficiency and water projects for their homes through an assessment on their property tax bill that they can amortize over a 10–15 year period. PACE programs give people another tool to install solar, energy, and water efficiency upgrades on their properties in a financially feasible way and also helps make San Diego a more green and sustainable city, while continuing to make us a leader in renewable energy.

FIRE STATION FOR MISSION VALLEY



On January 23, 2014, I led the groundbreaking ceremony for Mission Valley's first permanent fire station. This new, two-story, 16,290 square foot Fire Station 45 will be located across Friars Road from Qualcomm Stadium, and will have five bays, 16 dormitory rooms, and a new 500-gallon fire engine. To keep America's Finest City at its best, the City is significantly investing to improve its aging infrastructure and its neighborhoods.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENT



Councilmember Mark Kersey, Chair of the City's Infrastructure Committee, and I recently kicked off the first ever City-wide sidewalk assessment. The assessment will provide an unprecedented evaluation of the conditions of San Diego's 5,000 miles of sidewalks. This assessment, funded in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget for up to \$1 million, is expected to take approximately one year to complete. The bulk of the work is being completed by 24 student engineering interns. As we continue

our efforts to address deferred maintenance and prioritize funding, this information will be critically important. Remember, if you tweet, you can follow the City's infrastructure conversation on Twitter - #RebuildSD.

\$120 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE BOND APPROVED

On January 14, 2014, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved \$120 million of bond funding for neighborhood infrastructure projects. More than \$43 million from the bond will fund street resurfacing. The project list also includes \$4.3 million for accessibility improvements. San Diegans deserve neighborhoods with smooth roads, sound facilities, and water and sewer pipes that don't break. This bond will help us achieve that goal. Investing in our public assets with bond funds is fiscally responsible and community focused.

The project list for this bond funding includes design for the Skyline Library, San Ysidro Library, San Carlos Library, and Skyline Fire Station, design and land acquisition for the Home Avenue Fire Station, and replacement of Fire Station 22 in Point Loma and Fire Station 5 in Hillcrest, among other improvements. The City of San Diego has a backlog of deferred capital projects of at least \$898 million. To help address the streets, storm drains, and facility needs, the City previously issued three bonds. Further, on March 20, 2012, the City Council adopted a funding plan for a preferred multi-year capital program. The plan calls for capital and maintenance expenditures of \$719.9 million over the next several years. By the end of this Fiscal Year, the allocation for deferred capital will be \$18.4 million higher than anticipated. This is good news as my Council colleagues and I focus on rebuilding San Diego.

SAN DIEGO INCREASES FINANCIAL RESERVES

Demonstrating that San Diego has turned a corner financially, the City Council Budget and Government Efficiency Committee, which I chair, recommended on January 29, 2014, the City's Reserve Policy be strengthened to require 14% financial reserves. The current Reserve Policy calls for 8% reserves; the City's fiscal discipline has resulted in a reserve level of more than 14%. This is a strong policy that balances our need to mitigate service delivery risk while maintaining

good bond ratings. The proposed revisions would require that level going forward and will help ensure long-term stability for San Diego's ability to serve our citizens. Changes to the Reserve Policy would result in an increase in the reserve amount from \$86 million to \$150 million. Thanks to the ongoing focus and discipline of City leaders, San Diego has come a long way since the financial challenges of the past decades. The Reserve Policy, which will be considered for approval by the full City Council this month, will help guide the discussion of the City's Mid-Year Financial Report.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Carter G. Woodson

During Black History Month, individuals learn about, celebrate and honor the achievements of black men and women throughout history. The origins of Black History Month date back to 1926, when an historian named Carter G. Woodson wanted the nation's public schools to teach the history of American blacks to students. The month of February was chosen because both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, an African-American social reformer, statesman, and writer, were born in February.

On February 27, 2014, the City of San Diego Black Employees Association, Councilmember Myrtle Cole, and I will celebrate Black History Month at an event being held from 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the City Administration Building. The event will include entertainment, light refreshments and visual displays and participation by community and business associations including The Cooper Family Foundation, the Black Contractors Association of San Diego, Masons, San Diego Jr. Ambassadors, and the Black Greeks Affiliate. All San Diegans are invited to attend this free event.

BIKE RACKS FOR BALBOA PARK



Late last month, 20 new bike racks were installed in Balboa Park thanks to a donation from the Balboa Park Trust and The San Diego Foundation. These "penny farthing" bike racks are a cool addition to the Park. Next time you're heading to Balboa Park, consider riding your bike instead of driving your car.

BIKE CORRIDOR MEETING

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is hosting a community meeting tomorrow night where representatives will be discussing updates to the Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Project. I'll be kicking off tomorrow night's meeting. The Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Project will create connections for people between the San Diego neighborhoods of Old Town, Mission Valley, Downtown, North Park, University Heights, and Balboa Park. The project will design bikeways that are safe and comfortable for everyday people to make everyday trips by bike to local destinations, including schools, parks, transit and commercial centers. The bikeways will feature design elements that make it comfortable and fun to ride, keep streets safe for all users and improve neighborhood vitality and support economic development.

At this meeting, SANDAG will provide an update to share findings with the project Community Advisory Group and community members. A presentation will be followed by an interactive open house focused on some segments of the 10-mile project, and explore potential design solutions and place-making opportunities. You are encouraged to attend and participate in the next phase of the project.

Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Project Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2014

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Middle School Library

3366 Park Boulevard

San Diego, CA 92103

(Use gate entrance on Upas, west of main office entrance)

For more information visit: KeepSanDiegoMoving.com

Look at these great before and after pictures of the Todd Squad's successes.



Graffiti abatement on Georgia Street Bridge in North Park



A patched alley entrance in the 2700 block Adams Avenue



A replaced street grate in an alley in the 3900 block of Alabama Street

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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Bolt Fever – On the phone with Denver's Mayor Hancock



Celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the San Carlos Library



With Girl Scout Troop 3854 after buying San Diego's first cookies of the season